Suffolk County Board of Ethics Suffolk County, New York

Minutes of Meeting Held on September 25, 2013 Office of the Board of Ethics 335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980

<u>Meeting</u>: *Board Members present*: Robin Long, Richard Halverson, Heather Palmore, and Linda Spahr. *Staff present*: Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Kurrass, taking minutes.

<u>Ascertainment of Quorum</u>: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Robin Long. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: At 6:00 p.m. a motion was made by Heather Palmore, seconded by Linda Spahr, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

Adoption of Minutes: At 6:01 p.m. a motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Linda Spahr, to adopt the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

<u>Public Session</u>: At 6:02 p.m. Robin Long opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. At 6:03 p.m. Robin Long closed public session.

<u>Chair Report</u>: Robin Long called the two Legislative Trainings held September 17th, 2013, at which a total of 30 people were in attendance. She congratulated the Board, its Staff, and Counsel for how well it was presented.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal, Executive Director, addressed the following with the Board:

- CLE Accreditation Update,
- Department Head Trainings for October 2013:
 - o Scheduling, and
 - o Streamlining the Training Materials,
- Legislative Training Sessions: The Board agreed to offer the Training Materials to anyone who could not be in attendance,
- 2014 Budget: The County Executive's Recommended Budget.

At 6:15 p.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing confidential matters pertaining the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and to Reasonable Cause votes regarding ethics violations, and Financial Disclosure Statements pursuant to §105 (D) and (F) of the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

During Executive Session, the Board voted on:

- AO-2013-11 and AO-2013-12,
- FDS#s: 8, 9, 25, 56, 75, 84, 107, 120, 125 and 126,
- Extension Application 013-2013 (4-0-0),
- Extension Application 014-2013 (4-0-0),
- Extension Application 015-2013 (4-0-0),
- Extension Application 016-2013 (4-0-0),

made a final determination of the Privacy Request of: FDS# 541,

and made a final determination to provide a third letter to all persons who filed designating petitions with the Board of Elections who have not provided the Suffolk County Board of Ethics with a 2013 Financial Disclosure Statement. Content of letter: Inform that the Suffolk County Board of Ethics will be conducting a record search to begin the adjudication process and that in the event of a FOIL Request, the Board must notify the requestor that the Board is not in possession of the document.

FDS# 533 was presented to the Board for 2nd level review.

At 7:15 p.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Heather Palmore to leave Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0)

New Business: None.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on October 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Heather Palmore to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken the motion was approved. (4-0-0) (7:16 p.m.)